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with GRCAMERA - 13 January 1965

ACTION REF

A routine luncheon was held with GRCAMERA on 13 January. In addition to reviewing recent holiday experiences and plans, the conversation dealt with two specific areas: a. the current East German espionage case and related matters Austrian security, and b. PSYCH guidances with emphasis on present Headquarters guidances pertaining to the Congo.

2. GRCAMERA opened by recalling that we commenced our collaboration following the mysterious death of Hungarian defector Bela Lapusnyik while he was in the hands of the Austrian State Police and wanted to know, if now, after nearly three years and in wake of the publicity on the East German spies in Austria I had the impression that the Austrian security effort had improved measurably? I answered that there appeared to be some slight improvement in certain sectors, but as a general proposition I would say that little has changed and that little could change even under optimum circumstances given the existing legal and organizational framework. GRCAMERA said that his opinion was along the same lines and this was one reason why his paper did not go along with the current wave of celebrating the arrest of the East German spies as a great victory for the Austrian police. In fact, the police only did the obvious, and that not even very well, after the lead was dropped into their laps.

3. GRCAMERA then related a session with Austrian Interior Minister Franz Czettel on 12 January which the Minister used to castigate the newspapers' handling of the current spy affair. The newspaper editors replied in kind and charged the Minister for disregarding the essential considerations of secrecy and security to gain political advantage. When the Minister asked for a voluntary pledge on part of the editors not to disclose matters dealing with current security cases, the editors replied that they would give such a pledge if the Minister, too, would

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do so. The discussion then generated into the usual free-for-all, with opinions divided strictly according to party lines. (Reflections of this, and of my own discussions with GRCAMERA, came out in his newspaper on 14 January, a copy of which we are forwarded under separate cover.)

4. Implementing recent Headquarters guidances I turned to the Congo and presented GRCAMERA with a collection of overt material mailed to us recently from Headquarters. I explained that I did not wish to have these items translated and printed verbatim, but that I thought that it would be very helpful for his editorial people to have a thorough background on the Congo since we regard that area as one of the likely crisis spots in the coming year. GRCAMERA said that he did not need to be persuaded on this point. He, too, felt that the Congo will be the source of potentially very dangerous developments and he sympathized thoroughly with the necessity of maintaining a strong Western position there. If anything, he thought that we (ODYOKE) were not determined or tough enough to stand up for the protection of our own interests. In this connection he cited a recent editorial from his paper which we are forwarding under separate cover. GRCAMERA then referred to a recent front page article in the New York Times which purports to give an account of the massacre of suspected rebels by Tshombe forces in Stanleyville. GRCAMERA was very critical of the Times article which, he felt, could give aid and comfort only to the enemy and which indicated, in his opinion, that type of masochism which the West was maintaining almost as a matter of habit in dealing with the so-called developing nations. From a purely journalistic point of view there were also good grounds for questioning the New York Times article, because a virtually identical story, identical in content and also in specific details, has appeared in Der Spiegel at least two weeks ago. GRCAMERA said he was dwelling on this point in some detail, because the New York Times article, putting the government and rebel forces on about equal footing in the Congo, was picked up all around the world, including several newspapers in Austria. It would put his paper in a difficult position if, without persuasive evidence, he would publish stories which run contrary to the New York Times' version of the events in the Congo. In a nutshell: GRCAMERA felt that we did not have to convince him on the Congo, he agreed with us to begin with. But he thought it would be well worth our while to try to bring the New York Times into line with ODYOKE views. ✓

5. A number of other topics were covered such as Austrian domestic politics, developments in connection with GRCAMERA's paper and so forth, but these did not include items worth reporting to Headquarters.

6. In conclusion, GRCAMERA remains a good friend and ally and seems prepared to accept and utilize guidances along PSYCH lines.

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